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AMENDMENT TO SPECIFICATION
Serial No. 10/677,444 (MANSMANN)

The Examiner is requested to enter the following amendment to paragraph 21 of the specification (as numbered in the version published on the PTO website).

[0021] Briefly, the hard vertebral bones of the spine are separated from each other by somewhat flexible discs. Those discs are made of a type of highly fibrous cartilage that is called "fibro-cartilage" in most medical texts (although some books, articles, and patents refer to hyaline cartilage on vertebral discs). The fibro-cartilage material in spinal discs is very different from the type of cartilage that provides the smooth sliding surfaces that cover the sliding ends of bones in joints such as knees, hips, shoulders, etc.